

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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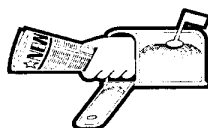
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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS New Officers

The Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination **“welcomes”** new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a special **“thank you”** to outgoing presidents. Thank you all for your commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

### Neighborhood Association

Kachina Hills  
Kiva-Monte Park  
Parkwest/Court Yards  
Quigley Park  
Sandia High School Area

### “Welcome” to Incoming President

Steve Burstein  
David Hunt  
John Duff  
Carl Bischoff  
Terry Riordan

### “Thanks” to Outgoing President

Ed Holland  
Dan Moriarity  
Trinidad Wessgar  
Joe Azar  
Carolyn Jones

## NEW ASSOCIATION OR COALITION

Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood  
Association (R)  
City Council – 1  
County Commission – 1

Gary R. Clarke  
Tammy M. Smith  
Police Beat – 114/WS  
Community Identity – Westside

W – Golf Course  
E – Black Arroyo  
S – Calabacillas Arroyo  
N – Ellison

Monkbridge Gardens Neighborhood  
Association (R)  
City Council – 2  
County Commission – 1

Lee Lagessie  
Judy Giblin  
Police Beat – 238/VA  
Community Identity – North Valley

W – 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
E – Santa Fe Railroad Tracks  
S – Candelaria  
N – Cherokee

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**If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings, or workshops, etc. appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend.**

**Whenever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed.**

**TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.**



View from the Eleventh Floor

### Mayor's Message for the month of January 2001

#### Professional Baseball Back In Albuquerque! Return Means So Much More Than Just Sports

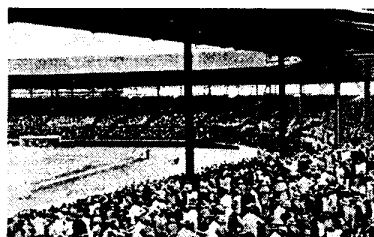
Albuquerque got some exciting news this month with businessmen Ken Young and Mike Koldyke announcing they have purchased a professional Triple-A League baseball team to return to Albuquerque. This is an exciting opportunity for our community. These businessmen have made the commitment to invest in our community. The return of professional sports to Albuquerque means so much to our entire community.

It's pretty miraculous that we were able to get professional baseball back so quickly. With committed residents who sat on the Triple-A 2000 Baseball Committee and civic-minded businessmen, Albuquerque will have one more thing to show as being a great city.

Having professional baseball isn't just about sports. It's means so much more to our community. It's a quality of life issue. I've always said that great cities are more than just curbs and gutters. Great cities have community centers, senior centers, zoos, universities, bike trails and so much more. A high quality of life is a main reason companies with good paying jobs come to Albuquerque. A high quality of life is the reason people choose to live here. A high quality of life means our kids can find good jobs here and have a place to call home.

We must now complete the task of working together with the community of creating a public-private partnership to fulfill the needs for the team and the Pacific Coast League (PCL). One of those items, which you've read about in the papers or seen on the TV news, is a state-of-the-art stadium. The PCL has specific requirements of the facilities before they'll approve a team moving here. Although the investors have bought the team, the PCL must approve them coming here.

They have requirements of the facilities the teams play in, just as the PCL did when the current Dukes Stadium was built over 30 years ago.



Please realize that we're doing everything we can to minimize the impact on the taxpayer. We are working on a public-private partnership so that the contribution of the taxpayer is not as high. Perhaps naming rights can be sold to a corporation to help defray some of the cost. It is important for you to know, too, that this stadium won't just be handed over to the team. It is our intent that the facility will remain a property of the taxpayers of Albuquerque, as the Dukes Stadium has been for the last 30 years.

I would have never thought of myself as the "Sports Mayor." This baseball issue just happened on my watch. Albuquerque is a great city with a great quality of life. Ensuring the return of professional sports is just one element that makes us great!

A handwritten signature of Jim Baca in cursive script.

Jim Baca, Mayor

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### HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR RETIRES

Mayor Jim Baca announced that Ralph Salas, Director of Albuquerque's Human Resources Department retired from the City on December 29, 2000.

"Ralph has been an invaluable asset to the City," said Mayor Baca. "He has demonstrated exceptional leadership and stewardship in our Human Resources Department." Mr. Salas has been Director of the City's Human Resources Department since December 1, 1997. In addition, Mr. Salas' three-year management of the Human Resources Department has been the longest tenure of any Human Resources Director, outlasting all former Directors by more than a year.

Mr. Salas has had a distinguished public service record that extends from service in the United States Navy to the State of New Mexico's Employment Division and culminating with the City of Albuquerque. Furthermore, in 1978, Mr. Salas also served as the City of Albuquerque's Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer under former Mayor Rusk. Mr. Salas has also served on numerous community organizations and advisory groups throughout his career.

**ACROSS THE FENCE**  
News from and for the Neighborhoods

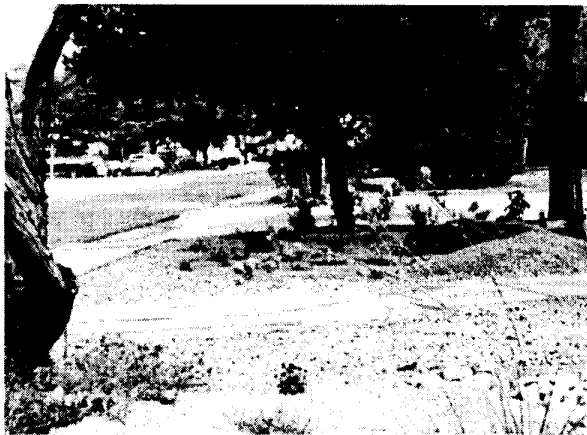


**SOUTH SAN PEDRO  
HONORS XERISCAPE  
WINNERS**



**BEFORE - 616 Ortiz SE (Dan & Carol Stuart)**

South San Pedro Neighborhood Association held a xeriscape contest in their neighborhood last August. Before and after photographs were taken. Two neighborhood homes were winners - Dan and Carol Stuart were one of them. Here's a look at their project *BEFORE* and *AFTER*. Great job! Board Member, Mary Agnes Gilbert said everyone was a winner in helping to beautify the neighborhood. The association distributed pansy plants along with their newsletter to celebrate the project.



**AFTER - 616 Ortiz SE (Dan & Carol Stuart)**

**FAIR WEST  
DEDICATES PARK**

On January 6, 2001, Fair West Neighborhood Association and its youth group Fusion, celebrated the rededication of Marion L. Fox Memorial Park to their neighborhood, along with several City dignitaries. Old, outdated playground equipment was replaced with a new, safer structure for children's use. Basketball courts and baskets were replaced to accommodate children of different ages and heights (adults, too!). Also installed in the park is a community bulletin board made by Fair West Fusion youth. It will be used to advertise upcoming neighborhood meetings and activities, as well as park events such as summer family game nights organized by Fusion.



**FAIR WEST FUSION YOUTH GROUP**

**PLEASE** send us news of your neighborhood events with photographs, if you have them. Be sure to include names, locations, and the date of the event.

**You Don't Have To Move  
To Live In A Better  
Neighborhood.**



## From the Coordinator's Desk

### *Why does a neighborhood decide to become inactive?*

During the last few months, this office has been trying to determine the reasons why some Neighborhood Associations lose their "Recognized" status, while others simply fold up and fail to continue. Our office holds a deep concern for this sort of action.

We sent out about twenty letters to Neighborhood Associations who have folded in the last three years. We got three returns of the ten-question survey. This is not a significant return. What is the data behind the data? What does the low return mean? Is the apathy, on the returns, an indication of why the association folded in the first place? Perhaps it is.

Some Neighborhood Associations are formed because the Neighborhood perceives a burning issue, perhaps zoning or land use issues may affect their area. It often takes a strong leader, someone with significant skills, energy and time to organize and make an impact. The difficulty with both of these themes is that neither is enough to sustain (an association) over a long period of time. When the issue goes away, what is the cause that the neighborhood will rally around? Often nothing.

Community and Neighborhood leaders are a special breed of people. They show high energy, commitment, and a willingness to go the extra mile, for their community. They draw people to themselves and easily get supporters. They sometimes set themselves up for a burnout situation, because they are counted on too much and for too long a time. If an outstanding community leader wants to cut back their involvement, moves away, or is faced with increased demands from family, career, or their own personal health, there is often a huge void. Without that one focal person, the organization can flounder or fail entirely.

My personal belief is that we need to anticipate the eventual departure of every single Neighborhood Association President. Now we are talking about beginning to delegate some current tasks and getting future leaders identified *NOW*. Once this process has begun, we need to begin a development path for those selected future leaders. Perhaps this will mean assuming a Board position, then an officer title, together with project management activities, like a summer neighborhood picnic.

We, at the Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination (OCNC), offer increasing training opportunities for developing leaders. This training ranges from Leadership to Community Oriented Policing training to Facilitative Leadership. Mentoring activities can be assumed by either current Neighborhood Association leaders or through his/her officers. Please feel free to call upon OCNC and its staff to have one-on-one session, as your new leaders are identified. Plan now to anticipate your own departure from a leadership role. Give a new person a chance to grow and serve the community.

### **NEIGHBORFEST 2001??**

During the last month, discussions coming this direction have been concerned with the revitalization of the Neighborfest event. Changes in format and scope are potentially a direction to take. As we look at a transition period, for this important event, *YOUR INPUT* and *IDEAS* are being solicited and will be appreciated.

During January, I will be meeting with past leaders of the event to determine the extent of their future involvement, their ideas, and experiences. We will discuss the future of the event. I expect this to be the foundation for our event planning. Anyone with ideas, criticism, sponsorship contacts, or wants to become involved, *PLEASE* let me know. It will take the entire community to make this an event we can all be proud of. For your input: call Herb Howell at 924-3905!

## COMMUNITY POLICING ON THE MOVE



### Neighbors At Work On

#### Community Policing Projects

Peppertree/Royal Oak Residents Association located near Spain and Tramway Blvd. has found that a Neighborhood Association Patrol held during the Fourth of July and on Halloween night is quite beneficial for their neighborhood. Some neighborhoods shy away from patrols believing that the patrols must be operational several times a month or only at night to get positive results. That according to some neighborhoods, including Peppertree/Royal Oak, is not the case.

Through the Community Oriented Policing Neighborhood Education Team, Don Russell of Glenwood Hills and David Young of Quigley Park will be providing information on benefits of patrols and a variety of ways in which they may be used by neighborhoods for preventing and reducing crime. This will happen as part of the neighborhood improvement workshop coming up on Tuesday, February 27 scheduled from 6pm to 9pm.

The remainder of the neighborhood improvement workshop is being coordinated by Mary Gossage of Silver Hill. Mary most recently coordinated the "Do You Want To Live In A Million Dollar Neighborhood?" event held for neighborhoods in the University Area. The neighborhood improvement workshop will be based on that event.

Does your neighborhood have eyesores such as weeds, abandoned vehicles, trash, graffiti, run-down buildings discarded furniture, old appliances or unattended vacant lots? How about noise, park, or animal control issues? The neighborhood improvement workshop will provide resources for you to begin dealing with things that may be detracting from the livability of your neighborhood and perhaps in the process attracting crime.

To register for the workshop or for more information call 924-3914.



## NEIGHBORHOOD FAQ'S

(frequently asked questions)

**QUESTION:** *What can I do if my neighbor's home or car alarm goes off?*

**ANSWER:** Call the police non-emergency number, **242-COPS**, unless you think there is a life-threatening situation going on. In that case, call 911. If your neighbor keeps having false alarms, they can be cited and fined. Call the APD Ordinance Unit at **768-2059** if repeated false alarms are becoming a nuisance.

**QUESTION:** *What can I do to see that the traffic laws in my neighborhood are enforced?*

**ANSWER:** Call your local substation and ask to speak to the traffic unit. Give them information about the specific violations (e.g., speeding, running stop signs) and the peak times, if any, that these violations are occurring. A request from the Neighborhood Association is even more effective. The police will evaluate the nature of the problem and have traffic and patrol officers monitor the area as well as provide stepped up enforcement. Since they pursue these reports on a first come, first served basis, they may not get to your neighborhood immediately. (It depends on how many other reports came in from other neighborhoods before you called.) While the police may increase enforcement to catch violators, they cannot install stop signs or speed bumps in your neighborhood.

**Contact:** Your local substation.

**Ordinance:** Traffic Code

**QUESTION:** *How do I start a neighborhood watch?*

**ANSWER:** Contact Neighborhood Crime Prevention. Neighborhood Watches are organized block-by-block. The Neighborhood Crime Prevention Office will help organize the Neighborhood Watch. They can schedule a meeting on your block on a week night (Monday through Thursday evenings). The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and end around 9 p.m.. They ask that one of the neighbors host the meeting. Before the meeting, the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Office will ask you to provide a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (home and work, if possible) of the residents of the block. They will then send invitations to the meeting. At least 50% participation from the block is needed to qualify for Neighborhood Watch sign purchase. The neighbors will be asked to select a Block Captain. This does not necessarily have to be the same person who hosts the initial meeting. The Block Captain will be the contact for the police.

**Contact:** Neighborhood Crime Prevention at 924-3600.

## **Contacting the Council**



All council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling 768-3100 after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the Council meeting. The Council fax number is **768-3227**.

The Council now has a web site. The address is: <http://www.cabq.gov> where you will find information including meeting agendas, minutes and action items, district maps and rules of procedure.

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### **City Council Declares Albuquerque An Immigrant Friendly Community**

At the December 18, 2000 City Council meeting, the Council unanimously voted to acknowledge the contributions immigrants, both documented and undocumented have made to our community.

Councillor Yntema introduced the legislation, which provides \$50,000 for an immigrant resource program to help families and individuals access information and assistance. Councillor Yntema stated "Albuquerque has a large, diverse immigrant community and we are grateful for their important contributions to our economy and culture."

The legislation establishes a policy where immigrants who live within the city limits have access to City services and programs as allowed by federal and state law. In addition, it asks that other public agencies facilitate access to basic services, such as drivers' licenses, health care and education. This legislation also prohibits the use of municipal resources to identify an individual's immigration status or to apprehend anyone on the sole basis of his or her immigration status.

The City will also ask Congress to enact just and humane immigration reforms that provide immigrants with rights commensurate with their status as taxpayers and contributing members of our community.

Councillor Yntema and Mayor Baca participated in a rare public signing ceremony on January 11, 2001 to recognize the significance of this legislation. Yntema and Baca explained that this legislation does not grant immigrants special rights, but only assists immigrants with information regarding basic services and helps create an immigrant friendly climate.

Mayor Baca further stated that he discussed immigration issues with Senator Pete Domenici upon his return from Mexico where Domenici met with Mexican President Vicente Fox. Baca stated that both men agreed there is a need for immigration reforms and hinted that Domenici may introduce federal legislation to address immigration concerns.

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### **UPCOMING/RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS**

- City Council is slated to take final action on Ordinance 00-34, Amending ROA 1994, The Noise Control Ordinance at the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 5 p.m., Council Commission Chambers.

**ANY PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER MAY BE  
REPRODUCED. WE ASK ONLY THAT YOU  
SITE THE SOURCE. THANK YOU.**

**CONTINUE YOUR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EDUCATION!!!**

**THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION  
OFFERS AN EXCITING SERIES OF WORKSHOPS  
DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS**

**THE PRESIDENT'S FORUM** is designed for Neighborhood Association Presidents and Vice Presidents *ONLY*. Our staff will help you anticipate future problems/issues in your neighborhood. Our intention is to provide the tools, skill development, and problem solving activities to make you a better leader of meetings and a more proficient problem solver in your neighborhood. This workshop will be offered **January 23 and 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Training will be conducted in the Hearing Room, basement level of Plaza del Sol. **SIGN UP NOW!**

**THE LAND USE AND ZONING WORKSHOP** will be offered in February. This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of Zoning and Land Use issues and their hearing processes. We will be utilizing Division Managers and selected community and board members to provide this informative training. **February 6, 7, 13; 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, in the Hearing Room, basement level of Plaza del Sol.

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP** is being offered through the COP-NET Program, in conjunction with Patricia Torn and various City departments. This informative workshop will help you identify key issues for improving your neighborhood and strategies for the accomplishment of these ideas. Offered **Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in the Hearing Room, basement level of Plaza del Sol.

Upcoming workshops in **March** include **PROBLEM SOLVING** on **March 13** and **FACILITATIVE LEADERSHIP** on **March 24**. The **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP** has been moved from **May 5** to **May 12**. It will be an all day seminar. Details to follow in later issues of Neighborhood News.

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**JANUARY CALENDAR**

**January**

- 18** Environmental Planning Commission (EPC), 8 a.m., all day public hearing.
- 19** Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, current land use matters.
- 22** Finance and Government Operating Committee, 5 p.m., Council Committee Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 9081, City Hall.
- 23** Extraterritorial Land Use Authority (ELUA), 2 p.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 24** Pre-hearing meeting for Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) cases, 1:30 p.m., Planning Conference Room, Third Floor, Plaza del Sol.
- 24** Transit Advisory Board, 1:30 p.m., Sun Van Conference Room.\*\*
- 24** Land Use, Planning and Zoning (LUPZ), 5 p.m., Council Committee Room.
- 25** District 8 Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4645 Pitt NE.

**\*\*The City's Transit Advisory Board is still seeking new members. If you find you have the time to influence our City's public transportation, please call John Parker at the Transit Department, 764-6121.**



## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### February

- 1** District 7 Coalition Meeting, 7 – 9 p.m., Grant Middle School, 1111 Easterday NE.
- 5, 21** City Council Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Commission Chambers.
- 7** Extraterritorial Land Use Commission (**ELUC**), 9 a.m., Council Commission Chambers.
- 7** Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired, 9:30 a.m., Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-8932.
- 7** District 6 Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE.
- 7** Westside Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., LBJ Middle School, 6811 Taylor Ranch Rd. NW.
- 8** Police Oversight Commission, 4 p.m., City/County Building, lower level, One Civic Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> and Marquette.
- 8** North Valley Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., Los Griegos Center for Family and Community Services, 1231 Candelaria NW.
- 12** Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee (**GABAC**), 4:30 p.m., Room 302, Old City Hall, 768-2680.
- 12, 26** Finance and Government Operating Committee, 5 p.m., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 9081, City Hall.
- 13** Zoning Board of Appeals (**BOA**), 9 a.m., Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW.
- 14** Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission (**LUCC**), 3 p.m., Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW.
- 14, 28** Land Use, Planning and Zoning (**LUPZ**), 5 p.m., Council Committee Room.
- 15** Environmental Planning Commission (**EPC**), 8 a.m., all day public hearing, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, current land use matters.
- 19** President's Day, **CITY OFFICES CLOSED**.
- 20** Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee (**GARTC**) Meeting, 4:30 p.m., locations vary, call 768- 5308.
- 21** Zoning Hearing Examiner (**ZHE**), 9 a.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 21** Pre-hearing for Environmental Planning Commission (**EPC**) cases, 1:30 p.m., Planning Conference Room, Third Floor, Plaza del Sol Building.
- 21** District 4 Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE.
- 21** District 5 Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa NE.
- 27** Extraterritorial Land Use Authority (**ELUA**), 2 p.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 28** Transit Advisory Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Sun Van Conference Room.



**Neighborhood Alert** – Be aware that neighborhood presentations at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of EPC hearings. Prepare with this in mind. Copies of the Rules of Procedure under which the EPC operates are available at the Planning Desk. Call Don at 924-3906 with any questions.

### NOTICE

**48-Hour Rule of the Environmental Planning Commission:** All written materials including petitions, legal analysis and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Department no later than 10 a.m. on the Tuesday prior to the date of the public hearing when the case is scheduled to be heard. However, for an appeal hearing, there shall be no communication with the EPC within 5 days of the public hearing. {From Rules of the *Environmental Planning Commission*.} For more information call 924-3914.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

In order to make maximum use of the following information, please note the following suggestions:

1. Scan the entire list for your associations name in case an item has inadvertently been misplaced.
2. The name and phone number of the developer or agent is listed so that you can easily contact them to arrange to view the plans or to ask questions about their proposal. Please consider it your responsibility to make this contact if you have not been contacted prior to reading this item.
3. The name of the staff member is included so that you may obtain additional, specific information or express the position of your association. Check to make sure that items have not been deferred to a later hearing. Unless otherwise noted, all staff may be reached at 924-3860.

To ascertain the placement of your case on the actual EPC Agenda, call Don at 924-3914 or the Planning Staff at 924-3860 approximately 7 days before the hearing. **ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING A CALL TO PLANNING AT 924-3860 CAN GIVE YOU THE STATUS OF THE HEARING.**

Staff reports are available at the Planning Office at 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the EPC Hearing.

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***Please note that all Pre-Hearing Meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m.***

### Northeast

**Z-00110-00000-01784, Z-00138-00000-01785, (Case #); Project # 1000985; Jade Park (neighborhood association);** Approximately 2.5 acres located on the east side of San Pedro NE between Palomas NE and San Bernardino NE; **(location of request); D-18 (zone atlas page #);** Consensus Planning at 764-9801, agent for New Mexico Activities Association **(applicant or agency and phone #);** Requests a zone map amendment from SU-2 for O-1 to C-1 plus an amendment to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan **(action requested);** Pre-Hearing Meeting 01/24/01; EPC 02/15/01 **(public meetings schedule);** Debbie Stover at 924-3940 **(city staff planner).**

### Northwest

**Z-00110-00000-00006, Z-001114-00000-01742, Z-00128-00000-01743, Project # 1000965; La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowner's, Ladera Heights, Taylor Ranch;** Approximately 229 acres located on the east side of Coors NW between Montano NW and Namaste NW; E-12, F-11, F-12; Consensus Planning at 764-9801, agent for Ray Graham III; Requests annexation and establishment of SU-1 for C-1, O-1, and PRD zoning plus approval of a site development plan for subdivision purposes; Pre-Hearing Meeting 01/24/01; EPC 02/15/01; Debbie Stover at 924-3940.

**Northwest con't.**

**Z-00114-00000-01780, Z-00128-00000-01781; Project # 1000984; No association;** Approximately 57 acres located north of Bluewater NW between 90<sup>th</sup> NW and Interstate 25; K-9; Consensus Planning at 764-9801, agent for Bluewater North LLC; Requests annexation and establishment of SU-1 for IP and C-2 zoning; Pre-Hearing Meeting 01/24/01; EPC 02/15/01; Loretta Naranjo-Lopez at 924-3896.

**Z-00110-00000-01778, Project # 1000982; Near North Valley;** Approximately 0.9 acre located on the north side of Woodland NW between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW; H-14; Scott Steinberg at 345-8005; Requests a zone map amendment from R-1 to M-1; Pre-Hearing Meeting 01/24/01; EPC 02/15/01; Loretta Naranjo-Lopez at 924-3896.

**Z-00110-00000-01779, Project # 1000983; Santa Fe Village, Taylor Ranch;** Approximately 1.0 acre located at the southeast corner of Unser NW and Mojave NW; E-10; James Crabtree at 255-8124, agent for Virginia Entley-Moore; Requests approval of a zone map amendment from O-1 to R-T; Pre-Hearing Meeting 01/24/01; EPC 02/15/01; Lola Bird at 924-3910.

**Southeast**

**Z-00110-00000-01728, Z-00114-00000-01727, Project # 1000960; No association;** Approximately 40 acres located east of Eubank SE between Southern SE and KAFB; M-21; Consensus Planning at 764-9801, agent for NM State Land Office; Requests annexation and establishment of IP zoning; Pre-Hearing Meeting 01/24/01; EPC 02/15/01; Makita Hill at 924-3879.

**Southwest**

**Z-00114-00000-01763, Z-00110-00000-01764, Z00110-00000-00007, Project # 1000976; Westgate Vecinos;** Approximately 40 acres located north of Ervien Lane SW and east of the Amole Del Norte Diversion Channel; M-10; ABQ Engineering at 255-7803, agent for Tony Sena; Requests annexation and establishment of M-H zoning; Pre-Hearing Meeting 01/24/01; EPC 02/18/01; Russell Brito at 924-3337.

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**Current Environmental Planning Commission Members are:** Elizabeth Begay, Chair;  
Alan Schwartz, Vice Chair; Larry Chavez, Chuck Gara, Susan Johnson, Mick McMahan, and Camilla Serrano.

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**ATTENTION AGENTS/DEVELOPERS**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2001 THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE IS NOW THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON INSTEAD OF THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. PLEASE CALL LENORA AT 924-3858 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

# CITY SCOOP

## News from City Departments



### Environmental Health



#### Bug of the Month for February 2001: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Most people have had an experience with food poisoning at least once in their lives. Usually we assume that our illness is the result of what ever it was that we ate last. This is not always the case, for instance the average time it takes to become ill from ingesting food contaminated with *Campylobacter* bacteria is between 2 and 5 days. However in some instances, the onset of illness due to food poisoning can be quite rapid. This is more common in bacterial food borne intoxication, rather than an infection.

#### What's the difference?

A food borne intoxication by bacteria occurs when the bacterium, in this example *Staphylococcus aureus*, produces toxins that cause illness. If the *S. aureus* organisms are killed by heat, the toxin, which is heat-stable, remains behind and can cause illness. In a food borne infection, the organism must be alive when it enters the body and causes illness. Because the toxin is what produces the illness, our bodies react rapidly, as if reacting to a poison. Food borne intoxication causes symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and abdominal cramping. Fortunately, recovery is also fairly rapid and most people are feeling back to normal within a couple of days.

#### Where does *S. aureus* come from?

Humans and animals are the primary reservoirs; 50% or more of healthy individuals have *Staphylococci* present in their nasal passages, throats and on their skin. *S. aureus* is highly concentrated in boils, pimples and other skin infections. Therefore good hygiene practices such as thorough hand washing by food handlers are essential for preventing *S. aureus* intoxication.

*S. aureus* is associated with many different foods such as custard or cream filled baked goods, eggs, ham, turkey, dressing, and salads such as egg, potato, tuna and macaroni. It can also be found in milk and dairy products. A massive outbreak with over 13,000 cases occurred last summer in Japan when *S. aureus* was introduced into milk from a contaminated production line valve.

#### How can I avoid becoming sick (or making others sick) from *Staphylococcus aureus* intoxication?

There are two major factors in illness from *S. aureus* toxins. One is maintaining food at proper temperatures and the other is good personal hygiene practices.

Although the toxin is heat stable, the organisms are not, and they have to grow to sufficient numbers to produce enough toxin to cause illness. If food is held in the danger zone (between 45 - 140° F) for too long, the organism will grow rapidly if present. Good hygiene practices, such as washing your hands after eating, smoking, going to the bathroom, touching your head or face, or touching non food surfaces such as refrigerator handles and phones, can help prevent the introduction of the organism into food. Another good hygiene practice is to minimize contact with food, such as wearing gloves while handling food or using utensils rather than hands to manipulate food.

*Staphylococcus aureus* food intoxication is not a major contributor to food borne illness in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, only about 1.6% of food borne illnesses reported in the years 1993 - 1997 were due to *S. aureus*. Be aware, however that the disease may be under reported due to its rapid onset and relatively quick recovery time.

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### APD Crime Prevention

#### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CAR THEFT

- ❖ Always roll up your windows, lock the doors, and take the key even if you will be away for a short time. Never leave your car running in front of a convenient store or other public area including in front of your house.
- ❖ Park your vehicle in a garage (if possible) or in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance.
- ❖ Keep valuables in the trunk or out of site. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- ❖ If you put your car/truck in for repairs or in a commercial lot, leave only the ignition key.
- ❖ Purchase stereos, cellular phones, and other electronic equipment that can be removed.
- ❖ Theft Prevention Devices - After years of false alarms, people have stopped paying attention to alarms. Any serious anti-theft device must do more than just make noise. If you want an audio alarm, use it in conjunction with other forms of prevention. A **kill switch** is a simple toggle device that shuts off the engine's ignition system. **Steering wheel locks** are visible from outside the car and prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees. **Collars** are devices that prevent the steering column from being stripped. **Brake locks** prevent the brake from being engaged and therefore the transmission cannot be removed from the park position. Etching parts can also be a deterrent. Professional thieves shy away from vehicles that have had the vehicle identification number (VIN) etched into the doors, windows, windshield, etc.
- ❖ More than 2/3 of all auto thefts take place at night, and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes. Statistically, most cars are stolen between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. There is a program in New Mexico that will help you retrieve your car if it is stolen. The New Mexico State Police have developed a program called Watch Your Car. Once registered, the program allows any law enforcement personnel to pull over a vehicle with the appropriate sticker between those hours to verify ownership. It also allows them to stop the vehicle if it approaches an international border 24 hours a day. If you are interested in finding out more about the program, contact your local NM State Police office for further details.

## CITY SCOOP

**REDUCE  
YOUR USE**  
Save Our Water

### Public Works/Water Conservation

#### IT'S TIME TO REACH OUR GOAL!

We are now in the last few months of the sixth year of the water conservation program. With only four years left to reach the goal, we need to identify and implement changes to achieve the additional reductions needed. The goal adopted in March of 1995 was to reduce per capita water use 30% by March of 2005.

Reducing water use in 2000 was a real challenge since the high irrigation months (June through September) were dry. As a result, we did not make additional progress on reaching the goal. Given the much higher usage that occurred in dry years prior to the program, however, the small increase in usage in 2000 was understandable. We will have more significant droughts in the future - our best way to keep usage down even in a drought is to xeriscape and to live with higher household temperatures. The xeriscape rebate has just been increased, one of the new conservation initiatives proposed by Mayor Baca in September, so start planning your drought-tolerant landscaping now to begin planting in the Spring.

Residential and Institutional customers are still leading the way with the most significant reductions, over 22%, while Commercial customers are only down about 15%. If you own a business or multi-family complex and have not implemented conservation measures already, look for ways to reduce your usage. Free non-residential audits are available by calling Lorri at 768-3634. Our auditor will analyze your usage, recommend changes to reduce usage, estimate the amount that will be saved, and give you a cost/payback analysis for the recommended changes. The community can't successfully reach its goal to ensure a healthy and prosperous future unless all customers are helping.



## CITY SCOOP

### Wastewater Treatment

#### THE STORY OF WATER

##### Part One

The City of Albuquerque owns and operates New Mexico's largest municipal wastewater treatment plant: the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP). The SWRP services more than 400,000 people, 100 permitted industries and over 10,000 commercial accounts.

Anything flushed down a toilet, poured down a sink drain, shower drain, or bathtub drain finds its way to the SWRP. Residences discharge approximately 85% of the total wastewater received at the SWRP.

The primary function of the SWRP is to remove domestic and industrial pollutants, clean, and disinfect wastewater before discharge to the Rio Grande. The SWRP has to meet numerous strict discharge requirements regulated by the EPA.

#### How does Albuquerque's wastewater treatment plant purify the wastewater from our homes?

Water from your morning shower enters the sewer and travels through pipes towards the treatment plant. A few hours after your shower the "dirty" water reaches the treatment plant. "High Tide" at the treatment plant is usually late morning.

**Primary treatment** consists of mechanical devices to remove most solid material from wastewater. This trash is collected and trucked to the landfill for disposal. The last step in primary treatment is the primary clarification tank or settling tank.



**Secondary treatment** consists of biological and chemical processes to clean the wastewater. In this stage, microorganisms eat most of the remaining waste material in the water.

The wastewater continues its journey to a final clarification tank. Here old and fat microorganisms sink to the bottom and are removed. At this point, the water is clean. A small amount of chlorine is added for disinfection, which is then removed before discharge to the Rio Grande. The plant also produces and uses methane gas. This operation is called Cogeneration and supplies a large amount of SWRP's electricity.

SWRP is a controlled ecosystem discharging into a natural ecosystem, the Rio Grande River. Please think before you pour toxic or hazardous chemicals and/or waste down the drain. Wastes such as solvents, used antifreeze, cooking grease, used oil, etc, Affect the operation of the SWRP, and ultimately the Rio Grande. Many people think, "how can the small amount of chemicals I pour down the drain hurt anything?" **Collectively** everyone's contribution counts! SWRP welcomes visitors, and offers tours. Please contact Margaret Martinez at 873-6985 to schedule a tour.

*This is the first part of a continuing series on how the City's Wastewater Utilities Division works for customers and how the community can help conserve and preserve our environment.*

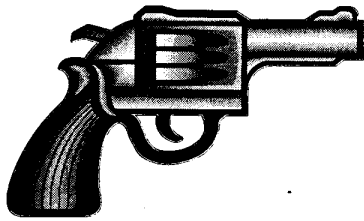
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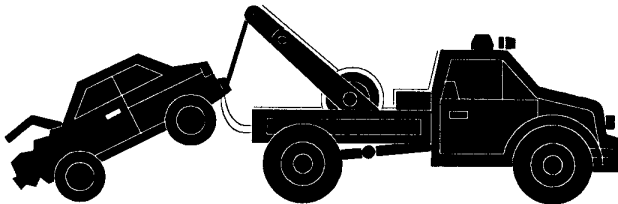
### LOBO GAME PARK-N-RIDES

It's time to *howl* on over to Lobo Park-n-Ride for your free ride to the PIT sponsored by 770 KKOB and the City of Albuquerque Transit Department. Take the free Sun Tran Lobo Park-n-Ride from Spectator's Sports Bar and Grill on Eubank. The bus leaves one hour before game time. All you need is your ticket to the game and the bus ride to and from the PIT is free! Call the City's Transit Department at 843-9200 for the list of Park-n-Ride dates.

# WARNING!



Pack a gun;



Lose your wheels.

## NEW CITY ORDINANCE:



It's already illegal in this state for people under 19 to carry a firearm. Now if you are under 19, and are caught with a gun in your car, your car will be taken away.

**Ordinance #122**  
**[Enactment #65-1999]**  
**effective 11-18-99**

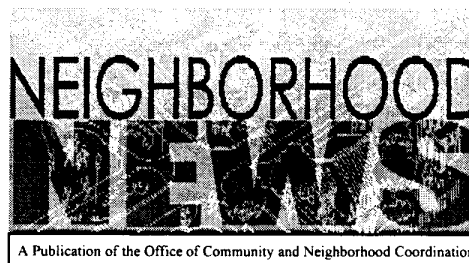
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